

AKRON'S FACTORY SPORTS INCREASE

**Industrial Baseball League
Puts Out Best Games in
Rubber City.**

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With practically all of the larger factories giving a great deal of attention to athletics, industrial sports are rapidly coming to the fore in Akron. Some of the local concerns already have more coaches, trainers, and athletic equipment than a fair sized university.

The caliber of the games put on in different sports is also on the upgrade. This summer the Industrial Baseball League has produced better diamond play than any hitherto seen on local sandlots. Last spring's track season was the most successful in the history of the cinder path in Akron.

Many of the best of the industrial athletes are former college and university stars. Ohio institutions naturally lead in the number of athletes on industrial teams.

To the man who has never had an opportunity to go to college the industrial athletic programs offer a good substitute for the sport training of the university. Under the direction of expert coaches many athletes, just out of high school, are developed into the equals of the university sparklers.

Several good industrial athletic fields have already been built in Akron. Others will be constructed next year. Seiberling field, the Good-year's sport meadow, is one of the best factory play spots in the country. The General Tire & Rubber Co. has an excellent field under construc-

tion. Firestone and Goodrich will build big athletic parks next summer.

Local promoters of factory sport have played a prominent part in the organization of industrial recreation in other cities. Through the influence of the American Industrial Athletic Association, which was formed in Akron a little more than a year ago, the Akron plan of factory sports has become the standard in many concerns. A great deal of interest is being shown in the game between Rube Foster's Cuban Stars and the Akron Gaylords at Lakeside park, tomorrow afternoon.

The Cuban team bears the reputation of being one of the best colored nines in the country.

Manager Ralph Lattimore of the Gaylords will use Cup on the mound against the Cuban team. Burt Farr, who lost last Sunday's Massillon-Akron game by dropping an easy fly, will not appear in the lineup of the locals tomorrow. Either Bernie Byatt or Chic Evans will go to right field, where Farr made his costly slip. The game will be called at 3:30.

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